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OPSEU workers hold info pickets

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Correctional workers with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union have been staging workplace action throughout January as they seek a better deal with the province.

Lunchtime information pickets were held by some of the 35,000 employees throughout Ontario on Jan. 22 and in Minden, Terry Goodwin, the area's sole correctional services employee, was marching, placard in hand, outside the provincial building off Highway 35.

While Goodwin is a probation/parole officer, he informed the paper he was speaking as president of Local 356.

The OPS collective agreement with the province expired on Dec. 31, 2014.

"Negotiations were supposed to have started in November," Goodwin said, calling what the government has on the table is a series of "cutbacks and claw-backs," that includes another two years of wage freezes.

Both of the last two years included a zero per cent pay increase for correctional workers.

The province is proposing a new wage grid, which OPSEU charges "is not only a punishment for new workers but also any

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Terry Goodwin, parole/probation officer in Minden and the area's sole correctional services employee with OPSEU, held an information picket outside the provincial office building off Highway 35 on Jan. 22. Correctional services workers are seeking a new deal with the province after their collective agreement expired Dec. 31.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Health unit wants census reinstated

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health unit is urging the federal government to reinstate the long-form census.

The Tories scrapped the census – which included a long, detailed list of questions that citizens who received it were obliged to fill out – in 2010, citing that some Canadians felt the census was a violation of privacy.

It was replaced by a mandatory short-

form census and a voluntary longer section called the national household survey, a move that was decried in many sectors, including healthcare, and by the county's academic community.

More than four years later, Kingston MP Ted Hsu has a private members' bill before Parliament requesting the re-establishment of the long-form census and the local health unit is urging the government to support it.

"The big issue with the change is that the national household survey is voluntary," Ann Marie Holt, director of communicable disease control, epidemiology

and evaluations with the health unit, told the paper. "The most marginalized populations . . . are not the people that complete the surveys."

Holt said the new census format provides insufficient information in areas the health unit uses for local planning. These areas include education, income, visibility, first language and type of home.

Holt said income and education are two of the biggest social determinants of health and that with the new format, the health unit has no way of knowing things such as whether a new ethnic population, which

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HHSS students rally around departing vice-principal

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Local high school students are protesting following news that their vice-principal Gord Wood has been transferred to Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk.

An event organized on Facebook to rally students quickly attracted more than 300 members last Thursday afternoon and dozens of messages of indignation from students and community members upset that Wood would no longer be a presence at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Mr. Wood [was] one of the best teachers my kids ever had. He is compassionate and caring and deserves the utmost respect. This is so wrong!" one parent wrote.

It was a common sentiment.

A few students questioned what the circumstances were surrounding the transfer, since Wood only just began his tenure at HHSS this fall.

"There's been an administrative transfer, which is not uncommon mid-year," said Trillium Lakelands District School board spokeswoman Catherine Shedd. "We actually have several of them going on around the board."

Shedd said "lots of different things go into making a decision like this including the needs of all the different schools in our board."

A staff member at the school who asked not to be named

said she hoped community members would join the students in any protest action they chose.

"Somehow these students need to get their parents and other adults on board so that this voice is not just of our kids but our community," she said.

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— Catherine Shedd, TLDSB spokeswoman

Shedd said the decision was final and Wood would be starting at Ridgewood in the new semester starting Feb. 2.

In an email to the paper, Wood confirmed he was being transferred and said he was touched by the student response.

"I am honoured by the support that the students and their families have shown," he wrote.

Teenagers charged in break and enter case

After a lengthy investigation, OPP officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged two men with breaking and entering a structure on Buller Road in Minden Hills Township.

On Nov. 10, 2014 police received a report of a 2014 Canam Outlander ATV that was stolen from its storage location sometime between October 1 and November 9, 2014. The value of the ATV exceeded \$10,000.

As a result of the investigation an 18-year-old male from Brock Township was charged with break and enter a place-commit indictable offence.

A 19-year-old male from Woodville was also charged with break and enter a place - commit indictable offence and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

Both males are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 4.

Submitted by the OPP

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Info from voluntary survey insufficient, health unit says

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may come with particular healthcare needs, is growing in a particular area. This means the health unit loses the ability to target its services.

"Basically, the health unit no longer has good information to determine who our priority populations are," she said.

Holt said the health unit still relies on information from the 2006 census for the planning of public health programs.

A letter from the health unit board, sent to the Prime Minister's office and copied to ministers as well as local representatives, reads, "The work of public health is evidence-based. We utilize data for population health assessment, program and service planning, program evaluation and the identification of priority populations for public health interventions . . . With a number of higher risk populations less likely to complete a voluntary census, the NHS [national household survey] also limits our ability to accurately report on priority populations and potential areas in need of service."

The letter requests that Bill C-626, an act to amend the Statistics Act, be supported.

The bill is to be debated a second time on Jan. 29.



Karate kids bring the hardware

Minden Wado Kai's instructor Owen Mackeigan, left, stands with his students Autumn Adams, who won second in kumite, Owen Whitteker, who won third in kumite, Devon Cliff, who won the kumite and kata, and his sister Lexi, who finished second in kumite and third in kata at the annual Oshawa Wado Kai Children's Invitational Tournament on Dec. 13. Absent for the photo was Logan Beers, who placed fourth in kumite. Mackeigan's grandfather Sid Mackeigan also instructs for Minden Wado Kai.

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Strike possible if info pickets unsuccessful

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member who changes careers within the OPS." According to OPSEU, the new structure would mean losses of between \$30,700 and \$68,500 during an 11-year period, depending on an employee's position.

This translates to less valuable pensions.

OPSEU also charges that with inflation, a zero per cent pay increase is basically a pay cut.

"We'd like a wage increase," Goodwin said. "In essence, they're asking us to take four years of zeroes. Everything's going up, from cable to a loaf of bread."

Since the 1990s, Goodwin said there has been an ever-increasing workload for OPS employees.

"We're expected to do more with less," he said, adding that the criminalization of people with mental health and addiction issues means more high-risk clients in the justice system.

Supported in his demonstration by local provincial counterparts including employees of the MNR, Goodwin

said that a one per cent pay increase for all OPSEU employees would cost the province \$20 million.

"When you look at that compared to \$8 billion . . . it's all sort of small potatoes," Goodwin said, referring to a recent, scathing report from the auditor general that blasted the Liberal government for misspending. "We're not lazy, fat-cat employees with gold-plated pensions."

While Goodwin admits that many employees, himself included, make a decent wage, he said keeping those wages at a healthy level is in the best interest of communities where employees live.

"The money we make with our decent jobs goes back into the economy," Goodwin said. "We don't want the moon, we just want some respect and a decent offer."

If its information pickets are not successful, OPSEU has indicated a strike is possible.

OPSEU correctional services workers have been staging workplace action throughout January.



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Committee of the Whole meeting

February 17

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1. File No. SRA-13-12

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The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of January, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI,
Planner

Bringing mental health into the light

by JENN WATT
Editor

Mental health problems are as real as physical ones; they can be debilitating, aggravating, isolating. They can also be treated and accepted.

But unlike many physical conditions, mood disorders and other mental health problems can't be seen from the outside making them harder to notice and acknowledge.

"To me, that's horrible," says 17-year-old Arianne Gervais, a Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "It's just like a physical ailment, but you can't see it. I want to try to make that change so people know it's just as important as a physical ailment and it needs to be treated that way."

Arianne has struggled with anxiety and depression throughout her high school career. After the shock of being diagnosed wore off, she got treatment and this year decided to take what she had learned about the ordeal to her peers.

For her independent study unit in English class, she gave a presentation about mental illness and discussed her personal journey for the first time in a public way.

Arianne says speaking about herself has been difficult, but thinks it's necessary.

"I don't like talking about myself; it's a vulnerable spot [to be in]. The way I'm seeing it is if no one talks about it, it's never going to change."

The school board's manager of mental health and student wellbeing agrees.

Cheryl Roffe is relatively new to Trillium Lakelands District School Board, but has been in the mental health field for the last 15 years and says substantial progress has already been made.

"We're talking so much more now [about mental health]," she says.

Roffe oversees a wide range of programs designed to address acute mental health problems and to promote general mental wellness.

"Every board in the province now has a mental health leader," she says. "And this is all part of a combined ministry initiative in order to increase pathways to care for our students."

Much of the work being done is getting teachers and staff at the schools to feel comfortable helping students – and each other – out with mental health.

There is also considerable work being done with community partners, such as Point in Time in Haliburton.

The board has layers of staff and programming addressing the gamut of issues. There are two mental health addictions nurses (provided by CCAC), student service attendance counsellors, guidance counsellors, plus Point in Time workers including one youth therapist who has a special office in the school.

"About three years ago, the province came up with some new funding for children's mental health and that funding included funding for some counsellors in the school," says Point in Time executive director Marg Cox.

Counsellors can be seen privately at the school or off site to protect privacy.

"What we offer is counselling and our staff have been really well trained in the latest evidence-based interventions like cognitive behavioural therapy, which is one of the best ... interventions for people who are suffering from anxiety or depression."

According to a report from the Mental Health Commission of Canada released last week, mood disorders are being reported more frequently among young people.

"In 2012, a larger percentage of youth reported that they had received a diagnosis of an anxiety disorder and/or mood disorder than was the case in previous years. The rate of seven per cent in the most recent survey was significantly higher than rates in 2003 (4.6 per cent) and 2005 (4.7 per cent)," the report reads.

"While it might be concluded that these disorders are on the rise in youth, increasing rates may also reflect better detection and diagnosis by health care professionals, particularly family doctors who would see the large majority



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Arianne Gervais, 17, says more could be done to fight stigma and support those with mental health issues at school.

Jenn Watt/TIMES

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of such individuals."

Arianne says she would like to see a more holistic approach to mental health taken in the schools. While people mostly try to be supportive, she says many of them just don't know enough about anxiety and depression to be helpful, sometimes telling her to get over it or that it's not that bad.

She also wants people to recognize that mood disorders don't define the person – they are something that person is coping with.

Better education about mental health could go a long way to fighting stigma, she says, pointing to the strong school campaigns around substance abuse and drinking and driving as examples.

"If they were to do that with mental health and promoting wellbeing ... if they were to import that into their [public] speakers, into their presentations, into whatever they want to present then there would be much more of an effect than what they are doing now," she says.

Roffe says the board is in the early stages of doing just that.

One project she is working on alongside two other staff at the board – Dave Lyons and Heather Truscott – is called Feed All Four.

A mixture of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and the medicine wheel the model suggests to be a healthy person, you need to pay attention to physical, emotional, spiritual and mental wellness.

"The idea behind it is if you're not feeding the four domains, you're not in the best place of health," she says.

"The idea behind this model is the curriculum is the vehicle to get this learning out to students."

Feed All Four is new and is being presented to school staff.

This is just one piece of a complex web of programs, initiatives, curriculum and training going on at TLDSB and in the province.

Roffe practically bursts with enthusiasm talking about the possibilities and the changes that are underway including putting students on the Mental Health Steering Committee for the board and the program called Mind Up, which teaches children about how our brains work physically and how to gain better control over mood.

She is quick to note, however, that stigma in schools and society around mental health is still very real and requires constant attention.

It is the elimination of stigma and generating a culture of acceptance that will go a long way to improving mental health, Cox says.

"Seldom in life is counselling or treatment the answer in and of itself. People do a lot better when they are surrounded by loving, caring people in accepting communities," she says.

Cox notes that those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community often face additional challenges with the acceptance piece.

"The other area we are concerned about as an agency: some groups are at higher risk than others. Teens that may identify as LGBTQ can be at a greater risk than some other students because of how much society accepts them."

She says that is why creating welcoming, supportive communities can be so important in generating an environment for wellness.

Many of the programs Roffe is working on won't be fully implemented before Arianne has graduated high school.

But the teen's focus is broader than HHSS. She intends to take what she's learned with her to whatever college she chooses next year, hopeful she can help others.

"I want to have it so people, friends, family, if they need to go somewhere to talk, they can. ... I'm also hoping ... to have areas where people who feel like they're suffering can go and mingle so they realize they're not alone."

Discussing development at Stanhope Airport

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Additional hangers, solar panels, the development of a business park.

Algonquin Highlands councillors contemplated the future of the Stanhope Airport at a special meeting Jan. 26 as they discussed a final report from a land use and development plan by Quebec-based consulting firm Explorer Solutions.

Councillors decided at a Jan. 15 priority-setting session they wanted to look at airport development and so Monday discussed the report, which was completed by Explorer Solutions in January of 2014.

Explorer Solutions was awarded the contract for the creation of the land use and development plan in November of 2012 for \$48,500, plus taxes.

Part of the report was a summary of the airport's strengths and weaknesses.

Some strengths included the airport's popularity, the \$12-million MNR facility under construction at the site and the land available for future development.

Some weaknesses – which councillors preferred to call "opportunities" – were the airport's website, a lack of available hangars, wind shear and no active investment attraction agency.

"Wind shear has always been an issue," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, acknowledging that depending on direction, there are days when it's a hindrance. "We won't be blowing up the hill."

It had been suggested in the past a hill on the property be removed to help ease the phenomenon.

Councillor Marlene Kyle noticed the report indicated the fuel prices at Stanhope Airport were 10 to 15 per cent higher than other airports in the area.

"I thought our fuel price was competitive," Kyle said.

"We are competitive," said airport manager Cam Loucks. "We're in the middle. We could be a little more aggressive."

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird said that fuel prices had been lowered since the drafting of the report.

Of particular interest to council was a series of recommendations and Moffatt said she was hoping to get "a very high level yes or no" from members on the suggestions.

One recommendation was the construction of more hangars – five to 10 – within a five-year period.

The report was completed before the construction of the airport's new hangar buildings. However, since the three remaining vacant spaces are expected to be filled shortly,

council agreed that the viability of constructing additional hangars was something for staff to look into.

Another recommendation was the attraction of a maintenance shop for general aviation and helicopters.

Since large planes don't land at the airport because of the size of the runway and since it is not frequented by helicopters, Loucks suggested that a small, "fixed-wing" maintenance shop would be the most suitable at Stanhope.

"I can see a fixed-wing maintenance facility if you can provide the space for it . . . which we probably can," Loucks said.

However, a maintenance shop was not a short-term priority, nor was the creation of an eating establishment.

Loucks said it would be best to include any sort of restaurant or cafe in a new hangar building, when and if one was constructed.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she thought most pilots were looking for something quick and easy – to drop in, pick up some fuel, use the washroom and grab a bite to eat before taking to the skies again.

The airport does house a cook shack that is used during fly-ins and while no one responded to an ad looking for operators last summer, councillors decided they would once again try to get the cook shack operating on a regular basis.

Having a car rental facility was also suggested, but Loucks said the airport didn't draw enough traffic to make that kind of operation viable.

Also suggested in the report was the construction of a fly-in community, that is, a housing subdivision, at the airport, a concept Moffatt said was, "very long-term, if ever."

"We don't live in a climate that's conducive to that type of community," Loucks said, adding it was a type of development more suitable for the southern U.S.

Another recommendation was partnering with a local tourism business to create a fly-in tourist experience.

"Do we have commercial pilots who will do commercial flights?" Moffatt asked Loucks.

"An operator would have to decide they wanted to do this type of business," Loucks said, adding it required getting a special licence, adhering to heightened maintenance standards and occupying a physical space at the airport to accommodate passengers. "It's not something that council's going to do . . . it's going to be private sector."

The idea of installing solar panels at the airport – either to sell power back into the grid through the province's feed-in-tariff program or to power the facility – was also discussed and will be investigated by staff.

Kyle and Councillor Brian Lynch noted that tariffs

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— REEVE CAROL MOFFATT

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through the province's program were not as profitable as they once had been.

"The solar paybacks are getting iffier all the time," Lynch said.

As Moffatt noted, the pitch of the roofs of the new hangar buildings was adjusted so they could accommodate solar panels.

A long-term goal at the Stanhope Airport, which includes some 100 acres of land, is the establishment of a business park.

Danielsen said whatever planning decisions were made in the future, it was imperative that land near the airport facilities themselves be left intact for aviation purposes.

"I'm hearing there is no available commercial land in Algonquin Highlands," Lynch said, stressing a business park should not be solely aviation-based.

Clerk Dawn Newhook said there were some types of businesses that were not advisable for airports for their potential to interfere with aviation – businesses that attract birds by producing large amounts of garbage, or businesses that produce smoke, for example.

Moffatt said it was hoped that type of information would be included in the consultants' report. "Unfortunately, we didn't get the recommendations in there we had asked for," she said.

Council will consider setting aside \$25,000 to hire a consultant for a plan on a business park during its upcoming budget deliberations.

Whatever decisions are made regarding development at the airport, Moffatt stressed it's important they be responsible and carefully made ones.

"We know the public is sensitive about the airport and how much it costs to run," she said. "There are a lot of people who would like to see it closed and turned into a golf course. That's not going to happen . . . so just take it slow."



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Common census

THE FEDERAL government should reinstate the long-form census.

The health of the country may depend on it.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit recently wrote a letter to the Prime Minister asking that in accordance with a private member's bill currently before Parliament, the census be resurrected.

The Harper government scrapped the long-form census – which those who received it were obliged to complete – in 2010, replacing it with a shorter, mandatory version and a detailed, but voluntary, questionnaire called the national household survey.

In doing away with the valuable statistical tool, Harper cited the census as an invasion of Canadians' privacy.

We all know Harper loves privacy. His government was found in contempt of parliament in 2011 for refusing to disclose the cost of fighter jets it wanted to buy. He has his staff sign lifelong gag orders.

Of course, the scrapping of the census could have had more to with Harper's tendency to beat up on organizations he doesn't like – Stats Can, Elections Canada, the Supreme Court.

Anyway, let's pretend it was because of the privacy thing.

In his valiant attempt to protect Canadians from the evil census, it seems that Harper robbed institutions and organizations of vital statistical information they use to function.

Many of these groups – along with the country's entire academic community – tried to warn him of the negative effects of scrapping the census back in 2010.

In the case of the health unit, it is

unable to accurately complete local health planning since key information on the social determinants of health – income, education, visibility, etc. – are not included in the voluntary national household survey.

The problem with the voluntary survey is that the most marginalized groups – the ones who need the most help – don't tend to fill out surveys. Therefore the health unit cannot target services to help them. So it relies on information from the 2006

census for its local health planning. Information that is almost a decade old.

The anti-intellectual, anti-research, anti-science doctrine of our Prime Minister is not only embarrassing, but actually harmful to his citizens.

Under Harper, Canada, once a leader in the international scientific community, has become a knuckle-dragging troglodyte.

A recent story in the *Huffington Post* saw scientists throughout the world calling Canada out, asking it to restore funding and freedom to research.

These scientists were from institutions such as the medical school at Harvard University.

What a bunch of morons, right? What could they possibly know? It's sad – scratch that – pathetic – scratch that – deplorable that we've gotten to a place where the federal government routinely rebukes the advice of medical and scientific professionals.

It's dumbing us down. Literally. It's making the country stupider.

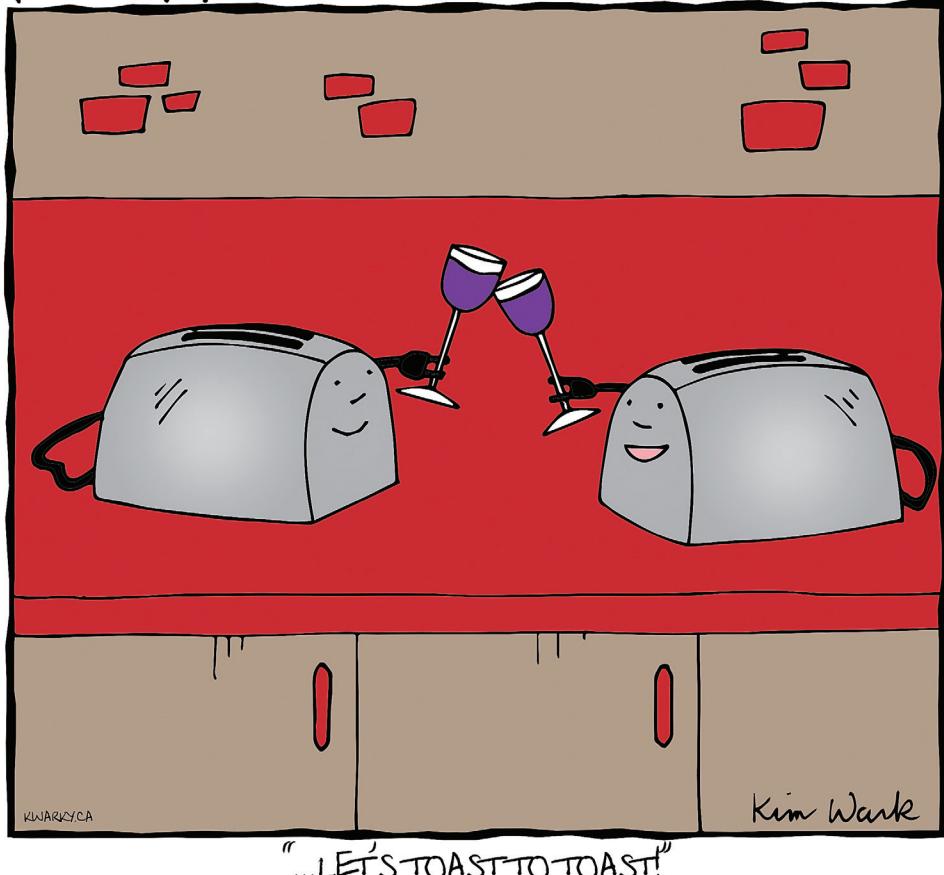
Service providers like the health unit are trying to function without information in the information age.

It's outrageous.
Bring back the census.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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...LET'S TOAST TO TOAST!

Kim Wark

A force of hobbit

SOMEWHERE in the remote countryside of Wales is a charming little house built by a couple of charming little hippies. These two – and their names are not important for the purposes of this column – built a beautiful and unique "hobbit house."

Videos and photos show that this cozy little straw bale house is built with exceptional craftsmanship and no small amount of artistry. The husband is a carpenter by trade and, by all evidence, a good one too.

They completed the home for around 15,000 pounds, which is what they could afford. And now they have a home, which they previously did not.

The couple, now in their mid-20s and with an infant, only did one thing wrong. They built without a permit and asked for said permit retroactively.

As a result, their local government, while acknowledging the craftsmanship and beauty of the home, is demanding it be torn down.

I find this interesting on a number of levels. And if I were their legal counsel – which would be fitting since I too don't have the proper paperwork for that job – I'd argue the following points.

First, the home is a hobbit home, which means that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Shire and the regulations laid out in ancient Middle Earth building codes – which, as we all know, were lost in the desolation of Smaug.

This might not get them anywhere, but it certainly would delay the proceedings as the judge would rule that their counsel was incompetent and perhaps in need of psychiatric aid.

I'm guessing it would buy them a month at least.

In that month's time, I would advise they gather a company of dwarves (I'm

sorry, little people) and at least one burglar and go on an "unexpected journey" to find a hidden treasure, so they could hire a real lawyer or build a house with permits and all.

It's not good advice, but what do you expect from a guy without a law degree?

Enough of the nonsense; the truth is this is a shame.

While I certainly understand the local government's need to control development and enforce safety standards, I think that ought to be balanced with common sense. That being, if the home meets standards after it has been built, provide a retroactive permit, along with a fine if you want to make a point and provide a deterrence factor. But don't tear it down if it provides a home for a family that spent the last four years living in a van, as these young people had.

I think that's simply reasonable, especially since government is supposed to serve the people – and there is no service being done to anyone when you throw a family out of a perfectly serviceable home.

That's the problem with governments and bureaucracies. They often forget what they were designed to actually do, which is serve the people. Sometimes, that takes a modicum of flexibility.

Clearly, this is an exceptional case. Hobbit houses are not commonly built anywhere, nor are dwarven caverns or elvish homes high up in the trees.

You'd certainly never see any of these things around here.

We've got too much rock to dig underground and too many beavers to rely on trees for a foundation.

As for the hobbit homes? Well, as this case plainly shows, the little people never get their way.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

NOTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

letters to the editor

Winter love

IT IS MINUS 20 and snowy outside but love is in the winter air. By the time Valentine's Day arrives coyote love songs will be hitting their highest notes.

I learned about coyote mating, plus a lot of other interesting coyote stuff, last weekend at a coyote seminar in Lindsay. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters put the seminar together, drawing more than 100 sheep and cattle farmers, hunters, and just curious folks like me.

Some of the most interesting information related to coyote sex life and how mating has changed coyote populations.

Coyotes are not native to Ontario. In the 1800s they occupied only the U.S. central plains and a bit of the Canadian Prairies. Human settlement cleared the forests, creating more open spaces that coyotes, unlike wolves, love. By the early 1900s they had moved into Ontario, then spread farther east.

When coyotes came to Ontario they bred with our Eastern Wolf, which is abundant in Algonquin Park and surrounding areas. Interbreeding changed the original coyote stock, and the coyotes we see now are hybridized and larger than their western cousins.

Some folks have taken to calling our Eastern Coyotes coy-wolves, which seems a bit awkward and exaggerated for my taste. But as my mom Veronica used to say: "Everyone to his or her own taste, said the old lady as she kissed the cow."

Other folks are obsessed with the notion that coyotes and domestic dogs are breeding to create a new species of vicious coy-dogs. Dogs and coyotes will mate but it does not happen as often as people might think. The breeding cycles of coyotes and domestic dogs are very different and any offspring that might be produced will have problems. There's a lot of science behind that but I'm not the one to give it to you. Suffice it to say that the rise of a coy-dog race that will terrorize your poodles, kittens and little children is extremely unlikely.

Incidentally, you could count on your fingers the documented cases of coyotes attacking humans, despite their growing presence in urban areas. Domestic dog attacks on humans run into the hundreds of thousands.

Coyotes enjoy urban areas because there are plenty of food sources from human activities and lots of green spaces, such as parks and golf courses. Dr. Brent Patterson, an Ontario government research scientist, told the gathering that all urban areas in Ontario now have coyote populations.

The results of this winter's coyote love-fest will be seen in April and May. Coyote litters range from three to nine pups, who are fortunate to have devoted parents who share in the rearing duties. The pups will live at home until the start of next winter, or maybe longer if food is plentiful.

Food is what coyote life is all about. They eat pretty much anything: fruit, vegetables, mice, voles, rabbits, squirrels and will take deer if an opportunity arises. An opportunity being a fawn, a sick adult or one bogged in heavy snow. They don't eat raccoons often but no one seems to know why.

A big question in Haliburton County is how to tell a coyote from a wolf. Wolves are larger; adults weigh roughly 60 pounds. Adult coyotes weigh about 40 pounds. Wolves have shorter, more rounded ears and broad and blocky muzzles and snouts. Coyotes tend to have longer, more pointed ears and pointed snouts.

The tracks differ in size. A wolf track will be up to five inches from heel to tip of claw. An adult coyote track will be 2.5 to 3.5 inches long.

Coyotes, like wolves, come in grey, brown, white, black and some orangey hues. The white ones are fairly rare and the black ones tend to be timid and not often seen.

Coyotes are plentiful because they have a low mortality rate. Human activity is the major reason for premature death among coyotes. Also, they have a low incidence of getting rabies, the disease that plays havoc with the fox population.

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To the Editor,

Minden use to have four clothing stores; J's, Slim Brandon, Jadek Sports, Cox's Apparel (two of them sold shoes; Slim Brandon and Jadek Sports). Women and teenage girls can't even buy a bra here in Minden. Everyone knows you need clothes 23 hours a day. It was about 59 years ago we had a dry cleaners in Carnarvon. Once we had a cobbler in Minden and we certainly need one again. We once had a man who cleaned sewing machines and made them like new. We need all these services in Minden! 100 per cent true!

Literacy, and that means they need to read, and we haven't got any literacy in Minden and we need it. 100 per cent true.

Since the OPP got their large pay increase. That should be for every person, not only the OPP workers. 100 per cent true.

Six and one equals seven dentists in Haliburton and one and one equals two dentists in Minden. All people have said, that is not fair. 100 per cent True.

The don't walk sign at the crosswalk at Hwy 35 and Water St. is always on "don't walk" from the south side of Hwy 35 to Valu-Mart, which is really dangerous. No one can die one day and be living the next and even Jack the newspaper man said, yes that's true. And it's better to be safe than sorry. 100 per cent true.

A mother with three young kids even said kids at school, three and four years old are in a class of 30 kids and only one teacher. It should be two classes of 15 kids each. That is too young to start kindergarten at three and four years old. 100 per cent true.

Simone Harrison

This Week In...

When a newspaper has been serving a community for more than half a century, it builds up quite a collection of archives. The *Times* office is packed with boxes of old papers dating back to the 1960s, when the publication was known as the *Minden Progress*. It took the name the *Times* in the 1970s. Each of these boxes is like a time capsule, revealing the issues of the day. Many of the stories provide context for narratives that are still playing out in one way or another today. Every week, the *Times* will take a look at what happened in Minden 10 years before, in 2005, and 25 years before, in 1990.

From the Jan. 29, 1990 issue:

Al Zikovitz, founder of *Cottage Life Magazine* and *Cottage Life Television*, expresses interest in purchasing the Frost Centre south of Dorset, after the research and education facility was shut by the province in 2004. Lance Crossley reported that Zikovitz had been given a tour of the property by representatives of the Ontario Realty Corporation. In 2015, the facility, which continues to be owned by the province, sits vacant.

Lifelong Minden resident and former county warden Roy Windover passes away. "I will miss his good advice, which I got frequently," Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney told the paper. "When I wanted to try something in the community, I'd test it out with him first. He was very perceptive and gave great advice, but he didn't push you." Windover, who had managed the Minden liquor store before selling insurance for Manulife of Canada, was 80.

Martha Perkins reports that school enrolment in Haliburton County is declining. While in 2003, the student population at Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School was 500, it is expected to drop to 400 by 2008, the school's capacity being 700. In 2015, student enrolment at ASEs is at 404.

From the Jan. 28, 2005 issue:

Jay Kerr-Wilson reports the Haliburton County Board of Education is unhappy about the public criticism that it has "unceremoniously booted" Fleming College from the Lakeview campus in Haliburton. Education director Stuart Baker explained the board had been renting the space to Sir Sanford Fleming College for a token price of one dollar a year, but that the two rooms the college had been using were required for elementary classrooms. In 2015, with a Fleming College campus and Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton, the Lakeview property sits unused, for sale by a developer.

The council for Lutterworth township votes to create two new citizen committees that will provide advice on economic development and environmental issues. "You could see by the number of different things happening in the township that it's impossible for a council of five to do it all," Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon told the paper. The economic development committee included Elizabeth Wright, Donna Lee, Derek Lowrey, John Lynch, Marge LeCraw and Maurice Boyd. The environment committee included McMahon, Jim Johnston, Brendan Berube, Tom McAllister, Paul Pilon Jr., John Hulbig and Ed and Lorraine Evans.



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Minden resident optimistic about future post surgery

by ANGELICA BLENICH
Times Staff

Beatrice Alton can't wait to go camping this summer.

A resident of Minden her entire life, Alton has been battling serious health issues for the past couple of decades, making life very difficult to live.

However now Alton, 52, has a new lease on life following a liver and kidney transplant she received at the end of last year at Toronto General Hospital.

Following the birth of her second son in the mid 1980s, Alton was diagnosed with polycystic liver and kidney disease, which led to many years of pain and discomfort.

Married with two sons and many grandchildren, Alton has been on the transplant list for a few years now, waiting for an organ match.

Last summer Alton was given hope that her life would change for the better when she received a call saying they had found her an organ match.

The call would end up being a false alarm.

"Somebody else needed the organ donation more than me," said Alton.

However her time would come and last December Alton got a call that was music to her ears.

"I just thought is this really going to work this time?" said Alton. "It never really hit me until I got on the table."

In the hours leading up to the surgery Alton thought about the worst case scenario and remained hopeful for a positive outcome.

When preparing her for the surgery, doctors informed Alton she might be on life support for a week following the transplant.

"I think they prepared me for the worst," she said. "The next morning they were in there telling me to get up ... they had me up the next day."

One of the most noticeable and significant symptoms of the disease was a swelled stomach Alton had, which gave the impression she was pregnant.

She would have days that were quite painful, particularly if a cyst burst, at which point she would need to be hospitalized. This occurred a few times since Alton was diagnosed.

"I worked at Stedmans and I was just standing at the cash," she said. "I don't know whether I turned wrong and it broke and I ended up in the hospital for a couple of days."

For the past few years Alton underwent dialysis treatments at nighttime from her own home. For eight hours she was hooked up to a machine.

The treatments have now come to an end.

Alton also took trips to Peterborough every couple of months to have the cysts drained, which helped reduce some of the

Minden resident Beatrice Alton recovers at her home on Bobcaygeon Road earlier this year following a kidney and liver transplant. Alton has faced numerous health issues and was relieved to hear she would be the recipient of new organs.



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swelling in her stomach.

"Now I'm going to be free this summer I'm hoping," she said. "I couldn't swim in the lakes ... now I can stay other places without needing the dialysis. It's going to be a big change."

One of the changes Alton is most looking forward to is the freedom to do activities she couldn't do before, like go camping and snuggle with her grandchildren.

"I'm glad it's over now, I'm just itching to get up and do something," she said.

Prior to going through the surgery and being diagnosed with the disease, Alton didn't give much thought to organ donation.

That has since changed.

"Even my husband said 'I've never signed it [organ donation card] but now I have, seeing what you've gone through,'" said Alton.

Ann Lavery has been a longtime friend of Alton's, inspired by the resilience and hope her friend had while living with the disease.

"She is truly the strongest person I know," Lavery told the paper. "Until this last year you never really knew she was sick other than her large belly. She was always active and enjoyed life and never let the disease get her down."

Lavery offered to help Alton by donating part of her own kidney.

"It's something that you do for people that you care [about]," said Lavery. "It's always risky no matter what you get done ... but for her it just seemed like a no brainer."

However in the end Alton wasn't able to accept the offer due to her needing a liver and kidney from the same donor.

"I'm glad it's over now. I'm just itching to get up and do something."

— BEATRICE ALTON

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Lavery has visited Alton following the surgery and nearly cried when she saw her friend.

"She's just a different person, the stress has come off of her," said Lavery.

Lavery hopes the story inspires more people to sign their organ donor card.

"There's a lot of people out there who need help and when you see it right in front of you, how important it is and what it can do ... I mean she has grandbabies and now she has the opportunity to see them grow," said Lavery. "You see what she's gone through and if that person hadn't signed their donor card ... you think about where she [Alton] would be today."

Lavery said over the years Alton never complained about her illness and just kept on living life.

"She's an incredible lady and she's beaten the odds," she said.

During the past year Alton's health took a bad turn, with many thinking she wouldn't make it.

"But my grandkids got me through, they needed me," said Alton. "I just never stopped fighting."



Carolynn Coburn, left, whose father Lorne ran the Minden pharmacy from 1949 to 1975, with Jan Heffer who, with husband Paul, ran the pharmacy from 1975 until 2006 and Peter Meraw who, with business partner Richard Smith, ran the pharmacy until earlier this month. Meraw gave a talk on the history of the business at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Jan. 22.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Tracing the history of Minden's pharmacy

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The establishment of Minden's drugstore and the longest-standing pharmacy in the county – what is now Pharmasave – can be traced back to 1949, or much further back, depending on one's perspective.

Peter Meraw, who, until a couple of weeks ago was one of the owners of the pharmacy, gave a lecture on the history of the store as part of a Haliburton County Historical Society event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Jan. 22.

While the modern manifestation of the shop began in 1949, as Meraw explained, Minden's "first medical man" was Dr. Charles Curry, who set up practice as a physician and pharmacist in Minden in 1869.

At that time, doctor's offices and pharmacies were one in the same and Curry would travel the area with his horse and buggy, "which gradually got bigger as he expanded his practice," Meraw said.

Curry was followed by a line of successors up to and including Dr. Wilfred Crowe, who, in 1939, moved to England and enlisted in the Second World War.

"Minden was without a doctor," Meraw said.

Then, in the 1940s, came Dr. Agnes Jamieson. The first female coroner in Ontario, the long-serving physician was also a great patron of the arts and is the namesake of Minden's art gallery.

Janet Heffer, who along with husband Paul owned the pharmacy for three decades, recalled Jamieson still practising when the couple arrived in Minden in the 1970s.

"She was really tiny and like a bombshell of energy," Heffer said.

While Jamieson's office also acted as a pharmacy throughout the 1940s, by the end of the decade, the modern pharmacy, separate from the doctor's office, was

emerging.

"The complexity became much greater," Meraw said. In 1949, a pharmacist named Lorne Coburn arrived in Minden, setting up shop along the village's main drag.

From Alliston, he'd gone to pharmacy school and had worked his way up to manager of pharmacy and sundries at the Toronto Eaton's store.

After enlisting and serving in the war, Coburn left the city for Haliburton County.

"He was described as a gentleman, it sounds like he was a wonderful guy," Meraw told the crowd. "Treated everybody equally."

Coburn and wife Grace were involved in numerous community organizations and daughter Carolynn, who was in attendance for Meraw's talk, is today a lawyer in the county.

Coburn ran the pharmacy, simply called The Drug Shop, until 1975 when it was purchased by the Heffers.

"Paul was 21 when he arrived," Meraw said, explaining Heffer had grown up in Coboconk, his father a banker in Lindsay. "He was able to put together enough financing to buy the business."

Under the ownership of the Heffers, The Drug Shop became a Rexall and then an IDA when it moved to the current Pharmasave location in 1981.

The building had served a number of purposes, and at one point had been a garage.

Up until that time, the pharmacy had been located in the building that today houses Sassy Digs.

The IDA would eventually become Pharmasave and in the spring of 2006, the Heffers sold to Meraw and business partner Richard Smith.

"With Richard's help, we were able to convince them we were worthy of their succession planning," Meraw said of the Heffers, who were highly regarded and had formed tight bonds with their patients in three decades of running the pharmacy.

Meraw and Smith had both grown up in Bomanville and were friends in high school. After attending university they were both working in marketing for pharmaceutical company Janssen-Ortho, when they heard the pharmacy in Minden was on the market.

Smith and Meraw carried on the Heffers' tradition for nearly nine years and in 2012 completed an expansion that incorporated the building next door and nearly doubled the size of the business.

Earlier this month, Smith and Meraw sold the pharmacy to new owners Phong Tan, Raj Kashep and Sherif Tawfik, who own Pharmasaves in nearby communities.

Smith told the paper they'd chosen Tan and his business partners since he shared their philosophy about how health care should be delivered and Tan told the paper he knew he had big footprints to follow.

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Looking out for Private Ashton Moore

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

In a communal cemetery in France, there is a grave of a Haliburton-born World War One soldier who died in battle.

His grave is maintained by a French couple who don't understand why the young man wasn't laid to rest in a military cemetery.

Donna Gagnon, proprietor of genealogical research company We Go Back, and husband Doug recently came across a headstone for Ashton Moore in the Gelert graveyard in Minden Hills.

"The inscription on Ashton's headstone reading, 'killed in action somewhere in France,' left my husband and I wanting to know more about him," Gagnon tells the paper.

She did some digging and discovered Moore was born on Sept. 26, 1896 to

parents Walter and Sarah Moore (nee Newell). His birth was registered on Nov. 20, 1896, in Haliburton, the informant being G.W. James, who was the Lochlin postmaster at the time.

Walter died in December of 1898 when Moore was just two and is buried in Gelert.

It seems the family moved on after that.

The 1916 census showed a 20-year-old Moore living in Neepawa, Manitoba, with aunt and uncle William and Maggie Newell, working as a farm labourer.

Gagnon's research shows his World War One attestation document dated Jan. 5, 1918, indicated he lived in Franklin, Manitoba, listed his birthplace as Gelert, Ont., and identified his next of kin as his mother, Sarah, of Franklin Manitoba. According to the document, Moore stood 5'8 1/2" tall, had a dark complexion, brown eyes and dark brown hair.

"Ashton became a private in the 43rd battalion," Gagnon writes. "He was killed

in action in France on Aug. 16, 1918 by a 'high-explosive shell during an attack on Fresnoy-les-Roye.' Ten days after Ashton was killed, the French were able to reclaim their town from the Germans."

It is at Fresnoy-les-Roye in a communal cemetery that Moore is buried.

The grave was recently discovered by Herve and Anne Deramond, whose 23-year-old daughter, Jeromine, was killed in a TransAsia plane crash on July 23 of last year.

Her grave is located close to Moore's.

"None of us know why Ashton is buried in a French communal cemetery rather than in a military cemetery," Gagnon writes. "As Herve notes in one of the emails he has sent to me, 'There are so many beautiful and emotionally charged Canadian war cemeteries in the area. We sometimes visit those and we have a great respect and admiration for all these young guys who fought for our freedom away from their country. Anne's parents and brothers are farmers in Fresnoy-les-Roye and Anne was born in that small village."

It's why Jeromine is buried in that cemetery. When we saw, just by Jeromine's grave, Ashton's burial place, very clean but isolated without flowers, Anne and I decided to take care of the two graves as long as we could do it."

The couple has been placing flowers on Moore's grave since.

Robbed of her husband and son within 20 years of one another, Sarah Moore never remarried.

She moved back to Gelert, where she died on March 11, 1929.

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The grave of Gelert-born Ashton Moore in Fresnoy-les-Roye, France. Killed in the First World War, Moore is buried in a communal cemetery rather than a military one. A French couple looks after his grave site. /Photo submitted



Let the ice racing begin

Canadian Automobile Sports Club ice racing returned to the Minden fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 24. Hosted by the Minden Kin Club, there will be racing at the venue for the next five Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. and Sundays starting at noon. Admission is free.



Above, racers travel from throughout the province to attend the races in Minden.

Left, thankfully no racers wound up in Davey Jones's Locker.

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Girls storm into playoffs at top of Eastern Loop

The following are Highland Storm briefs

The Minden Car Quest Auto midget B girls captured and secured first place in the Eastern Loop of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League for their league play-offs. The Storm finished their regular season with a stellar record of 18 wins, one loss and four ties. Great effort girls! The Storm wrapped up their regular season on the weekend with a win and a tie as they moved into their league play-offs and provincial playdowns. On Saturday, they travelled to Oakwood to take on the aggressive Lindsay Lynx in an afternoon tilt. The Storm jumped out to an early 1-0 lead with a beautiful dangle by Alicia McLean. McLean added her second of the game in the second period to add to the lead. The Storm continued their pressure, creating scoring chances off of solid puck movement, which resulted in two more unanswered goals from Erin Little and Erica Carmount. The Storm's goalie Connor Marsden stopped all Lynx shooters in securing the 4-0 shutout win ... her ninth shutout of the season. On Sunday, in Minden, the Storm hosted the Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game. Being short-staffed the Storm played a solid effort, moving the puck and generated many scoring chances. In a battle between goaltenders, both clubs tried to break the scoreless tie to gain a momentum advantage. Neither team could find the twine and the game ended in a 0-0 tie. Awesome finish to the regular season girls ... great puck movement to create scoring chances, solid "D" to control the tempo of the game and outstanding goaltending (Marsden's tenth shut-out in the season) to carry us into the post season. Keep up the determined efforts girls ... moving our feet, sharing the puck, creating scoring chances and playing aggressively to take on the challenges thrown at us. We'll need to keep the focus as we await our first round play-off and provincial playdown opponents.

Submitted by Dan Marsden.

Peewees dominate Shamrocks

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team challenged the Parry Sound Shamrocks in their first OMHA playoff game on Saturday resulting in a shut-out for goalie Ethan Glecoff and a 9-0 victory for the team.

It was quite apparent to the spectators that the Storm meant business right from the first seconds of the game. Coaches and players knew that the game could be tricky with Joe Boice and Alex Little out of the lineup due to illness. But the boys stepped on to the ice on fire and they didn't look back scoring six unanswered goals in the first period alone! The boys slowed things down in the second with just one more goal and ended the third with two more to bring the score up to nine. Fantastic teamwork by everyone! Goals scored by Isaac Little (3), Zach Morissette (2), Braeden Robinson, Nigel Smith, Tyson Clements and James Alexander. Assists by Ryan Hall, Cole Prentice, Braeden Robinson, Isaac Little, Benn MacNaull, Paul Turner and Aaron Bellefleur. Way to work together boys and move mountains! The boys will travel to Parry Sound this Friday night for game two. Come cheer them to victory in game three this Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden at 2:30. Let's go Storm!

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Storm tie up series

It's the playoffs! The RM Carpentry Atom A Highland Storm's first round opponents are the Parry Sound Shamrocks, whom the Storm manhandled all season, decisively winning our last three encounters. The Shams were out for some payback.

Game one: Right from the opening faceoff, something was off. The Storm was not raging. The score remained 0-0 after one period, but 80 per cent off the action had been in the Storm end with the Storm's tender Maddock keeping his team in the game. But the long drive on a Friday night, after a long day at school proved too much for the Storm and the Shams prevailed 3-0, taking the first of this best of five series. The Storm players and coaches had a lot to think about on their long drive home on a dark and stormy night.

Game two: After a day off, the Storm was ready to host the Shams, and get down to business. In the first period, "Boom Boom" Tidey opened the scoring, burying a feed from Phippen. Soon after, the Storm intensified, with a pretty play close in. Phippen to Vargas to Phippen, back and forth across the crease, and Phippen's second point on the Storm's second goal. Before the end of the period, Phippen would walk out from behind the net, slide the puck across the crease, forcing the goalie to step sideways and open the five-hole. Another goal for Phippen.

In the second, the Storm would add one more from the Phippen - "Boom Boom" connection. Tidey with a beautiful pass across the Sham zone to Phippen with a high and tight shot from the top of the circle. 4-0 after two periods, which saw a total Storm team effort, great forechecking from Winder, Robinson and Upton, stellar defence from captain Glecoff, Hutchinson, Smith and Mills, including "shut the door" goaltending from Maddock.

But the Storm had to make it interesting for the fans. In the third, the Shams poured it on and managed three goals to bring the score within one. With a minute and a half to go, and an empty Sham net, they pressed with six players to the Storm's five, but the Storm refused to yield and took game two, 4-3, in a contest highlighted with four points from Phippen (three goals and one assist) on what would prove to be a dark and stormy afternoon for the Shams.

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

Bantam As win first playoff series

The Bantam A Storm met with the Oro Thunder for game two and lost 3-2 in overtime. It was extremely entertaining as Oro stepped up their game and surprised the Storm. Storm got on the scoreboard early in the first, with a goal by Cooper. Oro tied it up on a power play. A hard shot from Garbutt, fed by Flood, found the opening while short handed. That gave Storm the lead in the second period. The Thunder came out strong in the third, making it 2-2 and sending the game into overtime.

The Storm was ready for Oro and game three last Friday, winning 5-2 and taking a 2-1 lead in the series. After a scoreless first period, Manning started the scoring with a sweet spin-around goal, assisted by Patterson-Smith. Minutes later in the second, Walker took a shot that was tipped by Lucas Haedicke to Flood, who snapped it in. Next goal came off a face-off, which was started by a pass by Schmidt to Patterson-Smith, ending the second



Hockey with heart

The team from Churko Electric (in white) took on Whitby Physio during the 17th annual Haliburton County Home Builders' Association hockey tournament at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Jan. 24. The tournament, which ran Jan. 23 to Jan. 25, benefitted the community's food banks.

Chad Ingram Staff

3-1. The Storm came out flying in the third, with Manning getting two more goals and a well-earned hat trick, which was assisted by Patterson-Smith.

The Storm was pumped for the win last Saturday. They wiped out the Thunder 4-2, moving on to the next round of the playoffs against the Penetang Flames. Flood started the scoring early. It didn't take long for Oro to tie it up and take the lead. It was a battle in the second period with Storm down by a goal. With less than a minute to go in the second, the opportunity came while on a power play. Cooper capitalized on a pass by Flood, making it 2-2. It was an exciting third period as the teams continued to work hard. Manning gave the Storm the go ahead goal, unassisted. Cooper finished things off with an empty net goal.

Congrats to the entire Bantam A team, a special mention to Smolen, who was solid in net the entire series. The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Dentistry.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke



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- It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees
- Jesus loves you – but I'm His favourite
- Seven days without prayer makes one weak

The Minden Church Mouse also heard Pastor David say ... Why? Don't we make Disciples?

Why do you think most people inside the church aren't making disciples?

It's supposed to be in our DNA! To be a disciple involved making disciples.

Look at the ministry of Jesus from beginning to end (Matt: 4:19 "Come follow me, Jesus said, and I will make you fishers of men" Matt. 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples.....")

As those disciples were standing on the mountaintop do you think they had to be cajoled into going? NO

They had to be reined in, the last thing we need is you guys out there alone, especially you Peter.

Wait for the Spirit to come (Ac. 2) and everything will be fine.

Proclaiming Christ is the supernatural overflow of being a disciple. Proclaiming the love of Christ is the overflow of sharing in the life of Christ. Maybe our issue is we're not sharing in the life of Christ.

Could it be that we sold them as the gospel i.e.) pray this prayer, or invite Jesus into your life, or try Jesus.

Should it not concern us that there is no such superstitious prayer in the New Testament?

Should it not concern us the bible never uses the phrase to pray the prayer or to invite Jesus Christ into your life.

It's a dangerous thing to lead people to think they're a Christian when they haven't responded biblically to the gospel. Our fruit then of the gospel would be just going out and getting people to pray the prayer. – Spread That

Yes, He is a Father who loves us – who will save us. He is also a righteous judge who may damn us – and that is what we deserve in our sin. We are hopelessly lost – dead in our sin. (Ephesians 2).

Many believe that people who are innocent will surely get a pass in the end? Right.

The reason—they've never heard the gospel. If that were true what's the worse thing we can do—take the gospel to them. We take the gospel to them and they say "Thanks" for your burn conference – we had a free pass to heaven – now you ruined that.

We ask about the innocent guy in Africa, Asia, etc. What's going to happen to him?

The only problem is the guy doesn't exist, there are no innocent people just waiting to hear the gospel – not in Africa, Asia, or N America. (Romans 1:20)

Lostness of men - Supremacy of Christ. He lived the life we couldn't live - He died the death we deserve to die – He conquered the enemy we couldn't conquer – He went before us so we could follow.

Tell them about His Life – His Death – His Resurrection – and then call them to repent (there's a biblical word) a change in direction, from running from God to now coming to God – a relationship with God.

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Submitted by Pastor David Johnson, Minden Bible Church

Some upcoming February Church Community Events include:

Sundays 10:30 a.m. – "Walking with Jesus" Series (Minden Bible Church)

Sundays 11 a.m. – "Kids Time" weekly program for ages 4-12 (Minden United)

Thursdays 12 p.m. – "Multiply – disciples making disciples" Study (Minden Bible Church)

Wednesdays Feb. 4 – 5:30 to 7 p.m. – Messy Church (St. Paul's Anglican)

Tuesday Feb. 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. - "Enviro-Café" Environment Haliburton Discussion Group (Minden United)

Tuesday Feb. 17 – 5 to 7 p.m. – Pancake Supper – Adults \$8, Under five \$5 (St. Paul's Anglican)

Wednesday Feb. 18 – 6 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (St. Paul's Anglican)

Sunday Feb. 22 – 11 a.m. – Sunday Service/"Joyful Noisemakers"/ Soup & Sandwich Lunch (Minden United)

Monday Feb. 23 – 10:30 a.m. – Weekly Lenten Series Commences (Minden United)

Wednesday Feb. 25 12 p.m. – Weekly Lenten Service & Soup & Sandwich Lunch Series Commences (Proceeds to Minden Food Bank (St. Paul's Anglican)

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Father Peter Selvaraj – Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. – 705-286-4117 (Mass Saturday 7pm, Sunday 10am)

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(Submitted by Don Ballantyne 705-286-1305)

Desitination guide hits newsstands

The 2015 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide is now available to visitors looking to explore everything that the area has to offer.

Within the 64-page guide, one will get a glimpse into what makes the Haliburton Highlands a must-see, must-visit destination full of surprises around every corner. Discover the arts, heritage and culture, dining, and endless outdoor adventures.

"This year's guide is vibrant, informative and is a critical tool to help strengthen the #MyHaliburtonHighlands brand," said Amanda Virtanen, Director of Tourism, County of Haliburton.

"It's a road map for planning your next vacation and a way to easily connect with local businesses and organizations to make your stay a memorable one."

A comprehensive events calendar provides information about the signature events that take place during all four seasons, and a new and improved map in the back of the guide map makes it easier for visitors to find what they're looking for.

A total of 40,000 copies of the publication will soon be available – free of charge – at locations across the County and the Province. Distribution of the publication has begun.

This is the fourth year that the guide has been produced by Parker Pad & Printing Ltd.

This year's publication was made possible due to the contributions of several local photographers and organizations. They include: Abbey Gardens, Adventure Haliburton, Ark Photography, Barb Fraser, Bill Bunn,

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Snowshoe into winter with hike

DORSET NEWS

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This Saturday's great snowshoe adventure hike is "Into a Winter Camp". Hike leader Bob Davis will take you back into Canada's history and lead you on snowshoes into a traditional winter camp while at the same time provide insights into winter travel. Please bring a lunch. The time is 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. meeting at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall at 1095 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Participants will then carpool to the trailhead. Registration is required by emailing drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or calling 705-766-9968. More information can also be found at www.skithefrost.ca. The cost is \$20 per person and snowshoe rentals are available at the special reduced rate of \$5 per pair.

The next snowshoe adventure hike in the series takes place on Saturday February 7 and the theme is "Wild in Winter". Take a walk on the wild side! Explore the ecology of winter, look for wildlife and their signs and gain insights into how they cope with cold temperatures and deep snow. The time is 10 a.m. to 12 noon and the hike leader is Thom

Lambert. Participants will meet at the Algonquin Highlands Trails Office at 20130 Hwy 35 (Beside the Frost Centre - 12km south of Dorset). As above, advance registration is required and the cost to participate is \$20 per person.

Don't forget to catch the 2015 Huntsville Hospital Auxiliary's Hospital Cabaret at the Algonquin Theatre this Saturday January 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday February 1 at 2:00 p.m. This is a fun variety show with lots of music, dancing comedy and more and is a great fundraiser for the hospital. Tickets are on sale at the Algonquin Theatre, 705-789-4975 or www.algonquintheatre.ca and the cost is \$30.00 per person.

The next Dorset bus to Casino Rama goes on Wednesday, February 4 leaving the Dorset Seniors Club on Hwy 117 at 7:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 5 p.m. A fun trip for those ages 19 and older and a lunch voucher is included. For more details or to reserve a spot on the bus please call Shirley by February 2 at 705-766-9347.

The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Dialysis facility are once again holding their annual poker rally on February 14. The event is held at Lions Camp Dorset on County Road 8 just outside Dorset. The event is to raise funds for

the camp dialysis facility as well as the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information, contact Charmaine Evans 705-766-9263 or visit www.tallpines.org where a poster and pledge sheet can be found.

Pioneer Memorial United Church at Hillside, 2370 Hwy 60, is having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon on February 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and all are welcome! Cost is by donation at the door.

Birthday wishes for January 25 to 31 go out to Bill Ellerington Jr., Nathan Jones, Joy Moon and Alex Wright. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Goofin' around

Canadian Olympic figure skater Kurt Browning jokes around between shots from the Sticks and Stones crew who were shooting footage for the upcoming OSGA Ontario 55+ Winter Games from Feb. 17 to 19 in Haliburton on Tuesday, Jan. 20 on Head Lake. The footage will include the Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble and the lighting of a cauldron. Several hundred athletes from across the province will be competing in several events in Haliburton and the surrounding area.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse voting is underway. No folks we are not getting a head start on the federal campaign but instead looking at our nominations for the choice of a bird which would best represent Canada. According to our T.V. sources while the beaver has long been a symbol for our nation someone has decided that it is time to give him some company or competition and so a contest is being held. Our list of candidates is lengthy from the first rob-

in of spring, the chickadee braving the winter snow, the statuesque great blue heron standing silent at the pond, the bright red cardinal and the Canada goose. From the haunting call of the loon passing over on an early summer morning to the aerobatics of the barn swallows as the babies learn to fly our "feathered friends" bring much to our lives. It appears that a choice has now been made however with our ballot's "X" marked for that curious comedian the Grey Jay or Whisky Jack. Rarely seen here now in the earlier days they would follow as we walked along in the bush and to the children's delight would almost perch on a waiting shoulder.

There will be a Country Music Jamboree at the Coboconk Legion on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. featuring the "Country Hot Flashes". Come out and share your talent at the Open Mic session and also enjoy old fashioned square dancing along with traditional country music. Apparently this is to be a regular event held on the second Sunday of every month with the next Jamboree set for Sunday, March 8.

Volunteers are busy at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace getting ready for it to re-open on Friday, Feb. 6 on its winter schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting. So

many of the activities and events here in our rural communities depend on that spirit of volunteerism. This week's mail brought a package from Volunteer Canada with a poster promoting National Volunteer Week from April 12 to 18. This year's slogan is "Volunteers are part of the ripple effect" forming the bedrock of Canadian communities. To quote further "the impact of volunteering goes well beyond the hours given, the values shared or the skills contributed. It can be found in smiles exchanged, bold new directions taken by agencies, revitalized neighbourhoods and major shifts in attitudes". While the official week is still some time away everyday is a good time to say thank you to those volunteers whose gift of time and talents benefit you and your family. If you are already one of those special people then please know that your efforts are appreciated.

The Arts Council, Haliburton Highlands is holding a special meeting for members at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 in the Great Hall of the Haliburton School of the Arts. The purpose of this important meeting is for members to vote on a number of bylaw changes plus other matters.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

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Sam Gaudet and Dwaine Lloyd.

January 22 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Karin Harrison 273, Betty Wagar and Sharron Atkinson both at 246 and our reporter Bev Johnson 221. Representing the gents top marks went to Ida Young 241, Dorothy McElwain 224, Dwaine Lloyd 218 and Kevin Maloney 171. Diane Wigley held the hidden score, Albert Foster won for call 1 and Bruce Medcalf took the card draw while Dwaine Lloyd, Karin Harrison and Tom Orr had moonshots.

January 22 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Irene McDowell and our interim reporter Tom Grix with Pat McInnis and Tom Orr posting the highs. The evening's lows were posted by Yvonne Arbuthnot and Ray Kidon while Betty Wagar, Kaye Bull and Harold Harvie [2] took home the other prizes.

January 23 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Helen Baker and Ross Fletcher 65 percent and Jackie Metcalf partnered with Peter O'Connor 53 percent.

January 23 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe the news that Jean Randell won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Lil Mann for the special prize.

January 24 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster reports that for the ladies Betty Wagar led at 252 followed by Pearl Cowen 249, Vi Howell 227 and Dwaine Lloyd 205. First for the gents at 279 was Tom Grix then Pat Scadden 261, Garth Windsor 221 and Archie Ross 211. Bev Johnson won the major special prize with Vi Howell, Jesse Barlow and Tom Grix claiming the smaller rewards. There were three moonshots going to Dwaine Lloyd, Tom Grix and Betty Wagar.

January 26 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Barbara Braithwaite and Susan Grant with Elaine Smith and Lil Mann recording the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Marion Stickwood and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Elaine Smith winning the special prize.

January 26 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Karin Harrison 267, Vic Ballik 265 and Cariol Murphy 225. Marcy Morgan was the draw winner while Rae Dawn Shepheard and Pauline Franzen took the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this update.

January 26 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Pearl Cowen won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Maria Tschida for low hands and Lil Mann for the special prize.

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Minden branch to host Senior Games dinner



Minden Legion is issuing an urgent request to the community for people to help cook or serve a meal at lunch or special event. Our roster of available volunteers will be down to bare bones within the next 2 or 3 weeks, as more people are heading for the sunny south. If you have one day available per week, or even one a month, your help would be very much appreciated, and full training can be provided. The revenue from the lunches goes toward our utility and operating costs and allows us to open our doors to community groups almost every day of the week. These groups include Rotary Club, Rug Hookers, Minden Seniors Art Group, Calorie Counters, Amateur Radio Club as well as Darts and Euchre.

February 1 the Legion will hold our monthly Sunday Euchre which is open to the public. The day's activities start at noon, with 12 games and a lunch included in the \$12 entry fee.

Plans are underway for Minden Legion to host a dinner Wednesday Feb. 18 as part of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games. The meal will feature a "Taste of the Highlands" and also includes a taste testing from Haliburton Highlands Brewery and Colio wines. During the Games, more than 1000 athletes from all over the province will be

competing in 10 different sports at venues throughout the county.

Minden Legion had the privilege of hosting the Royal Canadian Legion District F meeting this past weekend. District F covers 51 Branches in an area that includes Haliburton and Minden, south to Pickering and east to Deseronto. Several officials were also present on Friday for our fish & chips special and afterwards they entertained the crowd with guitars and singing. The following day, the Branch was a sea of more than 40 blue & grey uniforms during the formal deliberations. Discussions broke off for a lunch prepared by Judy

and Roy Flieger, which was very well received. The meeting ended at 3 p.m. with many accolades that the branch had treated them royally, accepted by President Judy Flieger and her husband Roy Flieger, who is our bar chairman.

In an official release, The Royal Canadian Legion welcomed the announcement of Erin O'Toole as the new Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada and hopes this move will bring better action from the current government to the issues facing Veterans and their families. "This is a political move and we will not concern ourselves with the reasons behind it," says

Tom Eagles, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion. "Regardless of whom the Minister is at any given time, the Legion will continue its advocacy to ensure Veterans and their families are cared for. This is always the number one concern of the Legion," adds Eagles. "Given the outpouring of support Veterans saw this past Remembrance Day, the Legion expects all Canadians will want their government to embrace whatever needs to be done to care for our Veterans now and in the future."



Initiations at the Minden Legion

Front row Justin Tiffin, Mabel Brannigan, Susan Tiffin. Middle row: Acting Sgt-At-Arms May Bradbury, Verne Brimsmead, Jim McKinnon, Joanne McKinnon, President Judy Flieger, Lisa Burt and Past President Georgina Parkes. Back row: Membership Chairman Pete McGowan, Carl Fischbach, 1st Vice President Jan Briggs-McGowan



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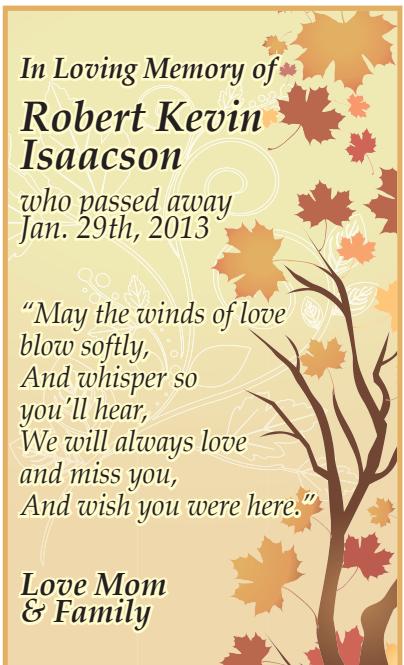
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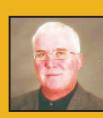
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